

About Pine Ridge...

- ◆ Over 80% Unemployment
- ◆ Per capita income of \$4,000
- ◆ 52 % of the households single parented
- ◆ Temperatures from 40 below to 120 above
- ◆ 8 times the United States rate of diabetes
- ◆ 5 times the rate of cervical cancer
- ◆ Twice the rate of heart disease
- ◆ High rate of teen pregnancy
- ◆ 8 times the rate of TB
- ◆ Suicide rate more than twice the national rate
- ◆ Teen suicide 4 times the national rate
- ◆ Three times the infant mortality rate
- ◆ The lowest life expectancy in the U.S. and the 2nd lowest in the western hemisphere.
- ◆ 68 % school dropout rate
- ◆ High rate of Drug and alcohol abuse
- ◆ The poorest of USA's 3,143 counties*
- ◆ 60% live below the poverty level
- ◆ No public transportation, no banks, no movie theaters, no bowling alleys, no recreation centers, no furniture stores, no clothing stores, no nursing homes

*This was true in the 1980 and 1990 census. The recent census places Pine Ridge third from the bottom: Not because things have improved there, but rather, because things got worse on two other South Dakota reservations.



Native Works

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OWO is a part of the Together For Hope and reaching the 20 poorest counties a ministry of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.



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A life-changing, affordable, indigenous led, short-term missions program for your church

Native Works

Native Works of OWO is a short-term missions organization that is forming for the purpose of economic development on the Pine Ridge Reservation. We believe when you are building a city you need to bring people to your city to empower economic development.

Oyate Kin Wacekiya Omniciye (OWO) is a non profit organization to bring about economic, social, spiritual change to the Pine Ridge Reservation and beyond. OWO started in 1998 and continues today for the purpose of changing the Lives of the Lakota people for Jesus. It is located on the grounds of the Pine Ridge Gospel Fellowship. There is a coffee house located on the grounds as well.

We are looking for energetic church groups to come to Pine Ridge and experience the culture of the Plains Indians. We know there are opportunities other places in the world, but we feel that you will not go away disappointed. We are offering an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the Oglala Lakota people. Vacation Bible school, Basketball, picnics with the community, service projects that will fit your skill level will be just the beginning of a Great Summer.



cost

The total cost is \$300.00 per person. This covers food and facility on the reservation, and some transportation costs while on Pine Ridge. This price also includes Wounded Knee and Presidential tours. It does not cover transportation to and from the site, or "snack" items. You may wish to bring some spending money for items like snacks or to purchase artwork from local artisans.

Call, or e-mail Native Works of OWO to sign up for a trip. We'll send you our registration packet and reserve your spots for one month before receiving your deposit.

Send your signed agreement sheet and a deposit check of \$500.00 for groups of ten or more, or \$50.00 per person within the month. Training, promotional and preparation materials will be sent to you with a receipt for your deposit. All deposits and payments are non-refundable.

a truly cross-cultural experience...

We have a unique strategy to help your team develop a more advanced cross-cultural experience. We offer native-led devotions, and will draw upon the wisdom and knowledge of local people to help you see through the Lakota Eyes. Will Peters has taught the Lakota ways to children and youth for over 20 years. LaVerne "Ata" Jack knows the people and the stories of the Lakota people. Leon Matthews the founder of Native Works OWO is knowledgeable in the story of Wound Knee Massacre. He also has served the Gospel Fellowship for 12 years as Senior Pastor. Rick Demarest will be involved from Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship with the planning and coordinating daily activity. Joey Dorer is our local ethnomusicologist and will lead the worship as well as help with any questions you might have about Arkansas.

